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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: KOREA AND PUERTO RICO

1. ADDRESSEES WILL HAVE RECEIVED COPY OF TEXTS OF PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION SUBMITTED TO UN AUGUST 16, RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY U.S. AND OTHERS ON AUGUST 20, AND TEXT OF AUGUST 5 NORTH KOREAN STATEMENT
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WHICH IS NOTED IN PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION.

YOU SHOULD NOW FIND EARLY OCCASION TO DISCUSS HOST GOVERNMENT'S COSPONSORSHIP OF PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY POINTING OUT THAT RESOLUTION THIS YEAR IS PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE TO U.S. HOST GOVERNMENT, BY IDENTIFYING WITH THIS RESOLUTION, ENDORSES AUGUST 5 STATEMENT WHICH MAKES A SERIES OF TENDENTIOUS AND UNFOUNDED CHARGES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES OF "WAR PROVOCATION AND AGGRESSION." HOST GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF THESE CHARGES AT A MOMENT WHEN U.S. PEOPLE AND U.S. GOVERNMENT ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER BRUTAL MURDER IN JOINT SECURITY

AREA OF DMZ BY NORTH KOREAN ARMY PERSONNEL IS PARTICULARLY DISAGREEABLE TO US. WE SEE NO REASON WHY HOST GOVERNMENTS FIND IT NECESSARY TO DAMAGE ATMOSPHERE OF RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES BY ASSOCIATING CLOSELY WITH A VERY PARTISAN APPROACH TO A PROBLEM RELATING TO NORTH EAST ASIAN AREA FAR FROM EUROPE.

2. IN DISCUSSING THIS PROBLEM, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT IT IS U.S. VIEW THAT BEST APPROACH TO SOLUTION OF TENSIONS ON KOREA PENINSULA IS NEGOTIATION BETWEEN PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED SUCH AS HAD BEEN PROPOSED AGAIN BY SECRETARY IN HIS JULY 22 SPEECH IN SEATTLE (REF D). IT REMAINS OUR CONTENTION THAT SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD BE FAR PREFERABLE TO FOLLOWING AGAIN THE AVENUE OF CONFRONTATION IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. LAST YEAR, UNGA ADOPTED TWO CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS AND LIKELIHOOD IS THAT SIMILAR RESULT WOULD OCCUR THIS YEAR CONTRIBUTING NOTHING TO PROBLEM AND DIMINISHING STATURE OF UNGA. WE DEEPLY REGRET THAT HOST GOVERNMENT HAS CHOSEN TO HELP TRIGGER THIS STERILE EXERCISE BY COSPONSORING AND SUBMITTING PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION. WE WOULD HOPE THAT HOST GOVERNMENT COULD USE ITS INFLUENCE IN FAVOR OF AVOIDING DEBATE AND CONFRONTATION THIS YEAR AND ENCOURAGING NORTH KOREA ON PATH OF NEGOTIATION. SHOULD THERE BE A DEBATE, WE WILL BE OBSERVING ATTENTIVELY WHETHER HOST GOVERNMENT FURTHER ENCOURAGES CONFRONTATIONAL NORTH KOREAN

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APPROACH.

3. FOR PRAGUE AND SOFIA: FOREGOING APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE AUGUST 27 OR, AT LATEST, AUGUST 30, SO THAT YOU MAY THEN FOLLOW DISCUSSION OF KOREA WITH DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICAN ISSUE NOW COMING UP AGAIN IN COMMITTEE OF 24 STARTING AUGUST 30. HOST GOVERNMENTS WILL RECALL OUR APPROACHES LAST YEAR AND FACT

THAT FAILURE OF HOST GOVERNMENTS TO BE RESPONSIVE IN ANY WAY TO US AT THAT TIME HAD CONSEQUENCES IN OUR RELATIONS (FYI:HARTMAN STIFF DEMARCHE IN PRAGUE AND DELAY IN OPENING OF BULGARIAN COMMERCIAL OFFICE). THIS YEAR, WE EXPECT TO BE FACED WITH A PROPOSAL BY CUBA EVEN MORE OBJECTIONABLE THAN LAST YEAR'S. WE EXPECT THAT IT WILL CONSIST OF A RECOMMENDATION THAT UNGA DISCUSS PUERTO RICO AS IF IT WERE "COLONIAL" ISSUE WITH VIEW TO ACCELERATING ITS SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE (DESPITE FACT THAT UNGA IN 1953 RECOGNIZED PUERTO RICO'S ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION). WE EXPECT

THAT CUBANS WILL ALSO CALL FOR RECOMMENDATION TO ASSEMBLY THAT IT GIVE OBSERVER STATUS TO "PUERTO RICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT." AS STATED IN OUR PUBLIC REACTION AUGUST 26 TO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT TREATMENT OF PUERTO RICO (WIRELESS FILE), WE WOULD REGARD SUCH ACTION AS AN INTERFERENCE IN U.S. DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. WE AGAIN URGE HOST GOVERNMENTS TO AVOID ADVOCATING SUCH INTERFERENCE AND TO FACILITATE, IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE, THE REJECTION OR DEFERMENT OF ANY COMMITTEE OF 24 ACTION ON THIS ISSUE. WE WOULD REGARD ANY STATEMENT IN COMMITTEE OF 24 IN SUPPORT OF THESE CUBAN PROPOSALS AS ADVOCACY OF INTERFERENCE IN OUR AFFAIRS.

4. FOR WARSAW AND PRAGUE: IN DISCUSSING KOREAN ISSUE, YOU MAY MAKE ADDITIONAL ARGUMENT THAT CZECH AND POLISH MEMBERSHIP ON NEUTRAL NATIONS COMMISSION OF KOREAN ARMISTICE MAKES PARTICIPATION AND COSPONSORSHIP OF DRAFT UN RESOLUTION ON KOREA ISSUE PARTICULARLY INAPPROPRIATE, IN OUR VIEW. WE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT THIS ROLE WOULD HAVE GIVEN HOST GOVERNMENT GOOD ARGUMENT FOR STANDING ASIDE FROM ENDORSEMENT OF CHARGES
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SUCH AS THOSE IN AUGUST 5 NORTH KOREAN STATEMENT SINCE WE ASSUME THAT CZECHS AND POLES ARE FULLY ABLE TO VERIFY FROM OBSERVATIONS OF THEIR OWN PERSONNEL THAT THESE CHARGES ARE WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

5. FOR WARSAW: KOREAN ISSUE ADDRESSED BY IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS DURING CALL AUGUST 5 BY POLISH MINISTER WIEJACZ.

6. FOR WARSAW, BERLIN, BUDAPEST AND BUCHAREST: SINCE HOST GOVERNMENT NOT INVOLVED, AT THIS STAGE, IN PUERTO RICAN ISSUE, WHICH WE HOPE TO DEAL WITH SUCCESSFULLY IN COMMITTEE OF 24, THIS ISSUE NEED NOT BE RAISED AT THIS TIME AND DEMARCHE ON KOREA MAY TAKE PLACE ANY TIME IN WEEK OF AUGUST 30. HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ANY REVIEW

OF UNGA ISSUES OR COLOMBO SUMMIT, ADDRESSEES MAY DRAW
ON PRESS SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT OF AUGUST 26 (SEE
WIRELESS FILE) AND CFR OF AUGUST 26.

7. FOR USUN: MISSION MAY REVIEW PRESENTATION WE WILL
BE MAKING IN PRAGUE AND SOFIA WITH CZECH AND BULGAR
PREMREPS IF NECESSARY TO MAKE SURE THEY AWARE OF OUR
POSITION PRIOR TO COMMITTEE OF 24 VOTE. KISSINGER

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